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Dear Examiner Dang:

As we discussed on the phone, I am attaching a copy of our last several filings in the above-identified pending patent application. We had previously sent a status request with no response, and our paralegals have been taking with Examiner Choobin, who previously had this case, to try to ascertain its status, since it has been so long since we've received any communication from the PTO regarding this file. As you'll see from the attachments, we filed an amendment and response on May 17, 2004. We received a notice of non-compliant amendment on June 1, 2004, and were asked to resubmit the "Amendments to the Claims" section because claim 17 was incorrectly

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labeled as "Previously Amended" rather than "Previously Presented." As you'll see from the attachments, we submitted a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section with a corrected status of "Previously Presented" for claim 17 on June 4, 2004. We submitted a status inquiry on January 25, 2005, and followed up with phone calls on January 20, 2006 and March 10, 2006.

Attached are the following materials:

- Amendment and Response dated May 17, 2004 1.
- 2. Retransmission of "Amendments to the Claims" section dated June 4, 2004 as requested by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
- 3. Status Inquiry dated January 25, 2005.

Based on the Applicant's amendment and response and previous comments from Examiner Choobin, the Applicant submits that the claims pending in the application should be in condition for allowance, and action to that effect, with the associated PTA, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss anything further, he is invited to contact the Applicant at the phone number below.

No fees are believed to be due, but the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the Deposit Account of GTC, Account No. 070845.

Respectfully submitted,

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